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Fiscal Effect						
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law has various restrictions on the possession, manufacture, and delivery of controlled substances. Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), found in marijuana, which is defined as all parts of the plants in the genus Cannabis, is considered a controlled substance.

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to be the sole state issuer of licenses in the growing and processing of industrial hemp. Industrial hemp is derived from the Cannabis staiva with a low amount of THC. Through an application process, to be set up by DATCP, an applicant can apply for a license to grow and process industrial hemp. In part of that process, the applicant, is subject to a criminal history check by DATCP from the Wisconsin Department of Justice (WI DOJ).

Since this bill only creates an exception for the growing and processing of industrial hemp within the conformity of the license, there will be no fiscal effect on the Department of Corrections.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications